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SUBJ: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

REF: TEHRAN 12697

1. ON JANUARY 4 MFA SENT LETTER TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARY OF STATE. TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, I ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS RECEIPT OF THE LETTER DATED 11 DECEMBER 1976 SIGNED JOINTLY BY YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE RIGHT HONORABLE ANTHONY CROSLAND, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, REGARDING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AND THE PROPOSAL OF ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL FUND TO THIS EFFECT. (PARAGRAPH) AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS NO DOUBT AWARE WE IN IRAN ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO A PEACEFUL AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR RHODESIAN PROBLEM. WE ARE ALSO CONVINCED BY THE FACT THAT, FAILURE TO REACH SUCH A SETTLEMENT WOULD THREATEN THE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WHOLE REGION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONSEQUENTLY WILL HAVE ITS ADVERSE AFFECTS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AS A WHOLE. (PARAGRAPH) IN THIS RESPECT WE ARE HAPPY TO NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO YOUR LETTER A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM IS NOW POSSIBLE. IT IS A WELCOME
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TREND AND WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT REMAINING PROBLEMS REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER WILLBE OVERCOME AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WILL BE ACHIEVED IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. (PARAGRAPH) I TOOK NOTE WITH PLEASURE THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.K. TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWE THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL FUND. I HAVE EXAMINED CAREFULLY AND

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ATTENTIVELY THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING SUCH A FUND. IN PRINCIPLE THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH ITS ESTABLISHMENT, AND FURTHERMORE WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND. IN THIS CONNECTION IT HAS TO BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF IRAN TO SUCH A FUND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. FURTHERMORE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, ITS AMOUNT AND MODALITIES WOULD BE CONDITIONAL ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. (PARAGRAPH) PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS. BEST REGARDS, ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, MFA UNDERSECRETARY NADIM REFERRED TO THE LETTER WHICH WAS BEING PREPARED. HE ELABORATED ON LETTER'S LAST SUBSTANTIVE SENTENCE, REGARDING AMOUNT AND MODALITIES OF IRANIAN FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION, BY SAYING GOI WANTED TO SEE WHAT AMOUNTS US AND UK ACTUALLY COME UP WITH. HE SAID GOI ALSO WANTS TO ENSURE THAT THE FUND IS MANAGED IN A WAY SO THAT THE MONEY WILL NOT GO "INTO MR. SMITH'S POCKET." (WE TAKE THIS TO BE A REFERENCE NOT TO POSSIBLE CORRUPTION, BUT RATHER A DESIRE TO SEE THAT FUNDS ARE NOT USED AS BUTTRESS FOR CONTINUATION OF SMITH GOVERNMENT.) IDENTICAL LETTER WAS BEING SENT TO BRITISH EMBASSY FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND.

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3. ACTUAL LETTER BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT (NEA/IRN) FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE SECRETARY.
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